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REMARKS**I. Introduction**

Claims 1 and 2-20 are pending in the above application.

Claims 1 and 2-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 1, 8 and 17 are independent claims.

II. Amendments

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20 have been amended to more particularly claim that which Applicant regards as the invention therein.

No new matter has been added.

III. Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1 and 2-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Medvinsky et al. (U.S. App. Pub. No. 2003/0093694).

Prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) must be by "another", i.e. an Applicant's own work cannot constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). See, MPEP 2136.04. The Medvinsky reference shares two common inventors as the above application (Alexander Medvinsky and Petr Peterka), and is commonly assigned with the above application. Both Rafie Shamsaasef and Alexander Medvinsky explain in the attached declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 that to the extent that the Medvinsky reference discloses the subject matter claimed in the above application related to third party authentication such subject matter was the work of the inventors of the above application (Rafie Shamsaasef, Geetha Manglore, Petr Peterka, and Alexander

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Medvinsky). Accordingly, as the Medvinsky reference discloses Applicant's own work, the Medvinsky reference may not be used to reject Applicant's invention. See, MPEP 2136.05 "applicant's own work may not be used against him or her unless there is a time bar under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b)."

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the above rejection be withdrawn.

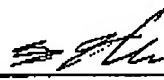
IV. Conclusion

Having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

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